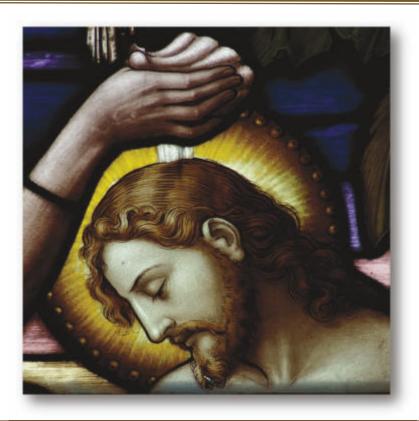
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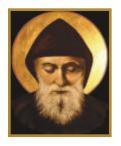
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DIVINE LITURGY SATURDAY: 4:00 PM Sunday: 9:30 am - 11:30 am

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# MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8TH 4:00 PM— Children Born in 2021 in our Parish, by Pastor

- 4:00 PM— Christmas Flowers Memorial, by Pastor
- 4:00 PM— Paul and Lena Kanan 67 Year Wedding Anniversary, by Family
- 4:00 PM— Vera Deeby Birthday Remembrance, by Family
- 4:00 PM— Mona Badawi, by Donna Deeby
- 4:00 PM- Matty Maroun, by Sister, Anne Moroun

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH**

- 9:30 AM— Children Born in 2021 in our Parish, by Pastor
- 9:30 AM— Christmas Flowers Memorial, by Pastor
- 9:30 AM— Owen Petrzelka, by Anthony & Lucy Shaker
- 9:30 AM- George J. Sassin, by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Campbell
- 9:30 AM— Louis Joseph, by Mary Medley
- 9:30 AM- Mona Badawi, by Parishioners

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH**

- 11:30 AM Children Born in 2021 in our Parish, by Pastor
- 11:30 AM— Cara Noelle Hahn Harik Special Intentions, by Pastor
- 11:30 AM— Christmas Flowers Memorial, by Pastor
- 11:30 AM— Sabah Hanna, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Deceased Members of the Crispin, Shaker and Abraham Families, by Joe & Terry Shaker
- 11:30 AM Mona Badawi, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Therese Sfeir, by Assad and Therese Jreige
- 11:30 AM— Saliba Mousawar 4 Year Remembrance, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Joseph Yasso 15 Year Remembrance, by Wife, Nazira

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH

1:00 PM — Baptism Joseph George Saad IV



### READERS

READERS FOR: SATURDAY, JANUARY 8 4:00 PM - Amanda Butler

READERS FOR: SUNDAY, JANUARY 9 9:30 AM - Rosemary Kautz

READERS FOR: SUNDAY, JANUARY 9 11:30 AM - Rita Yammine Khouloud Yammine

### **READERS FOR:**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15 4:00 PM - Tony Peters

READERS FOR: SUNDAY, JANUARY 16 9:30 AM - Carol John

#### **READERS FOR:**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16 11:30 AM - Anthony Fawaz Maurice Tohme

# FROM THE PASTOR

Parishioners and Friends,

January 12, 2022 marks the beginning of my 11th years as your priest (pastor). I am so blessed to have you in my life. I m grateful for each and everyone of you for all the blessings you have brought into my pastoral ministry. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, the Lord continues to bless us.

I take the opportunity to extend my deepest gratitude and thanksgiving for all the parishioners, benefactors, and friends who go beyond the basic and sacrifice their time, talents, and treasures to make the parish strong and healthy. May the Lord continue to give you the strength to continue his beautiful work. Please rest assured of my continued prayers for you, your families, and for the resolution of this pandemic. Please keep our parish in your prayers during this challenging time. You are all in my prayers as well.

Health News: We continue to review the directions from the CDC in regards to the Coronavirus and follow the practice of the local Latin Archdiocese. We strongly continue to practice safely and protection to all our parishioners and visitors.

If you are sick or have any of the virus symptoms, please remain at home for your safety and for the safety of others.

Wearing a mask in the church complex and building is MANDATORY. If possible, please reduce the usual embracing, kissing, and handshakes.

May the Lord God grant you health and joy. Chorbishop Alfred Badawi, Pastor

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#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 11TH

9:30 AM— Judith Deeby, by Sister, Donna Deeby

- 9:30 AM— Betty Ann Shaker Anniversary Remembrance, by Family
- 9:30 AM— Salvador Kassab, by Family

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12TH

- 9:30 AM— Owen Petrzelka, by Anthony and Lucy Shaker
- 9:30 AM— Judith Deeby, by Sister, Donna Deeby
- 9:30 AM— Gray Cen Koop, by Family

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 13TH

**9:30 AM**— Helen Shaker Anniversary Remembrance, by Family **9:30 AM**— Betty Ann Shaker Anniversary Remembrance, by Family

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 15TH

- 4:00 PM— Special Intentions of those Named Anthony, Toni, Antoine, Tanios and Antoinette, by Pastor
- 4:00 PM— Christmas Flowers Memorial, by Pastor
- 4:00 PM— Vera Deeby, by Terry Mahoney
- 4:00 PM— Helen Shaker, by Family
- 4:00 PM— Mona Badawi, by Terry Mahoney
- 4:00 PM- Matty Maroun, by Sister, Anne Moroun
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 16TH
- 9:30 AM— Special Intentions of those Named Anthony, Toni, Antoine, Tanios and Antoinette, by Pastor
- 9:30 AM— Christmas Flowers Memorial, by Pastor
- 9:30 AM— Living and Deceased Members of the Tony Robin Family, by Family
- 9:30 AM— Living and Deceased Members of the Haroun and Hanna Families, by Family
- 9:30 AM— Owen Petrzelka, by Anthony & Lucy Shaker
- 9:30 AM— George J. Sassin, by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Campbell
- 9:30 AM— Barbara John 5 Year Remembrance, by Family
- 9:30 AM— Mona Badawi, by Parishioners
- 9:30 AM— Vera Deeby 35 Year Remembrance, by Family

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 16TH

- 11:30 AM Special Intentions of those Named Anthony, Toni, Antoine, Tanios and Antoinette, by Pastor
- **11:30 AM** Cara Noelle Hahn Harik Special Intentions, by Pastor
- **11:30 AM Michael Awwad 40 Day Remembrance**, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Christmas Flowers Memorial, by Pastor
- 11:30 AM— Sabah Hanna, by Family
- **11:30 AM Tony Nofar**, by Pastor
- 11:30 AM Mona Badawi, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Therese Sfeir, by Toufic & Jeanette Soyad

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 16TH

1:00 PM — Baptism Salvatore David Taormina

# **BREAD AND WINE**

#### FOR THE YEAR 2021 - 2022

Living and Deceased Members of the

Michel and Fadia Nahed Family



## SANCTUARY CANDLE

### FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY BURNS FOR:

In Loving Memory of

Joseph Yasso

by Wife, Nazira

# **CHAPEL CANDLE**

### FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY BURNS FOR:

In Loving Memory of

Mary Saad

by Her Children

# **INCENSE AND CHARCOAL**

#### FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

In Loving Memory of

George & Henriette Chalhoub

by Family

# **Religious Education Corner**

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILIES**

Please because of a higher percentage of Covid cases at this time, it is strongly urged and recommended you send your child with a mask on to class. Additionally, if your child is sick at all, please do not send them to class. I want everyone to remain healthy during this season, including the volunteer teachers who are here for your children every week. God bless you all and keep you safe.

#### CHILD SAFE UPDATE

Thank you to all who supported Child Safe for Christmas in 2021. As you know, we adopted 5 children for the 2021 season. Through your generosity of gifts and money, we were able to provide a variety of presents for all 5 children.

We also raised \$650 in donations that were given directly to Child Safe for their use for children who may not have been sponsored.

I sincerely appreciate all you have done to support this organization and the children they serve.

God bless you all,

Staci Saker,

Director of Religious Education Program

# 2021 Christmas Flower Memorials

In Memory of Georges Youssef Abouzeid by Samir Abouzeid and Family In Memory of August Achkar by Mona A. Cundari In Memory of Mary Agby by Family Mr. & Mrs. Issam Akiki Mr. & Mrs. Farid Alam Donna Asmar Mr. & Mrs. Michel Ayoub In Memory of Mona Badawi by Family In Memory of the Barker and Magyar Families by Deacon Mike Magyar Elias and Zina Bassil In Memory of Angelina Besteni by Linda Thomas In Memory of Michel Besteni by Linda Thomas Mr. & Mrs. Samuel R. Bolis In Memory of Dee & Bill Boulus, Sr. by Helene Latiff In Memory of David Bousho by Dan & Christiane Bousho In Memory of Edmund Bousho by Dan & Christiane Bousho In Memory of Rebecca Bousho by Dan & Christiane Bousho In Memory of Caterina Byszko by Vito and Char Fortuna Mr. & Mrs. John Cafagna Mr. & Mrs. John A. Cafagna In Memory of the Chamoun Family by Koshaya Sfeir In Memory of Avery Chandler by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Nader Mr. & Mrs. Jacques Chaptini In Memory of Sante M. Cundari by Mona Cundari In Memory of Izzat Anton Dadoush by Mr. & Mrs. Samer Musharbash In Memory of Gadar Dakchian by Lucy Mourad In Memory of Doleh Dawood by Lucy Mourad Mr. & Mrs. Abdou Deban Abou Jaoude Mr. & Mrs. Michael DeBruvn In Memory of the Deeby Family by Donna Deeby In Memory of Thomas & Rose Doyle by Rose Marie Doyle In Memory of Thomas Doyle by Rose Marie Doyle Mr. & Mrs. Elie Eid Joseph Ejbeh-Agby In Memory of the Deceased Members of the El Haje Family by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Maliskey, Jr. In Memory of Alice Faye Elias by Jerry Elias In Memory of Paul Elias by Linda Elias In Memory of the Elias and Fremont Families by Linda Elias Helen Farai Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ferris Frederick & Elizabeth Francis by their Children Joseph & Shomas Francis by Grandchildren In Memory of Marlene Francis by Husband, Fred Francis In Memory of Alessandro & Concetta Fortuna by Vito & Char Fortuna In Memory of Mandohin, Arteen and Serpohin Garabit by Lucy Mourad In Memory of Antoun and Roland Gemayel by Chaouki Gemayel and Family In Memory of Adeeb Ghali by Yasmin Thomas In Memory of Saad Ghali by Yasmin Thomas John Grzadinski In Memory of Simon and Philomena Hakim and their Living and Deceased Family Members by their Grandchildren In Memory of Moroun Hakim by Family In Memory of Thomas & Sheila Hatty by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hatty In Memory of Louis & May Hatty by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hatty



# 2021 CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

In Honor of the Hunrath Family by Dixie Hunrath In Memory of Ramez and Josephine Harb by Children Anthony B. Joseph In Memory of the Joseph and Taormina Families by Salvatore & Kathy Taormina In Memory of Bill & Eileen Jurkiewicz by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hatty In Memory of Akram Karromi by Nawal Karromi In Memory of James W. Kautz by Mr. & Mrs. James Kautz Jennie & Anthony Latiff by Helene Latiff In Memory of James Lertola, Jr. by Georgia Andary In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Maliskey Family by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Maliskey, Jr. In Memory of John Marsh by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hatty In Memory of Maria Martella by Mr. & Mrs. James Kautz In Memory of Peter & Edna Migala by Chris Herbert Mr. & Mrs. Roman Millett In Memory of Georges Mondalek by Salwa Mondalek Mr. & Mrs. Michel Moubarak In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Moubarak Family by Joseph & Violette Moubarak In Memory of Hameed and Joseph Mourad by Lucy Mourad In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony P. Nader, Sr. by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Nader Rose Ann Jacobs and Paul Nagurka In Memory of Anna Nahra by Family In Memory of Khatoon Panow by Yasmin Thomas In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Pietrantoni by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Nader In Memory of the Neily Family by Mr. & Mrs. Toufic Soyad Mr. & Mrs. Greg Neubacher In Memory of Alexander & Ada F. Pich by Family In Memory of Marcello Pozzi by Vito and Char Fortuna In Memory of Blaise Raona by Rose Marie Doyle In Memory of Ross & Elizabeth Raona by Rose Marie Doyle In Memory of Margaret J. & Joseph G. Saad by Family Oscar C. & Shirley A. Saad by the Kautz Family Dr. & Mrs. Michael Saba and Family In Memory of Abraham and Helen Salomon and their Living and Deceased Family Members by their Grandchildren In Memory of Penny Sam by George Sam In Memory of Therese Sfeir by Koshaya Sfeir In Memory of the Koshaya Sfeir Family by Koshaya Sfeir Mr. & Mrs. Charbel Sfire In Memory of George Shara by Family In Memory of Mary Shukri by Yasmin Thomas In Memory of Georges Sleiman by Raja & Claudia Ashkar and Family In Memory of Peter & Theresa Sommer by Rose Marie Doyle In Memory of Tony & Marie Soyad by Mr. & Mrs. Toufic Soyad Mr. & Mrs. Fadi Srour In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Stupariu by Grandchidren In Memory of Jim Tamer by Pastor In Memory of Nadia Tannous by Koshaya Sfeir In Memory of Dr. Paul G. Thomas by Linda Thomas In Memory of Michael & Sheffia Thomas by Marilyn Daniels In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Werner by Denise Werner In Memory of Mark Werner by Wife, Denise Werner In Memory of Moubarak & Marie Yammine Christmas Remembrance by Elias & Khouloud Yammine In Memory of Joseph Yasso by Nazira Yasso



Deacon Chris Nahra Thank You Note for St. Sharbel's

January 4, 2022

Greetings St. Sharbel Parish Family! This is Deacon Chris Nahra here, and we are *thriving* with the Lord!! Words cannot express how thankful and blessed I am to have spent 3 unforgettable weeks here at St. Sharbel's Parish. Your hospitality, prayers, and support have been second to none. I've been immensely grateful to have prayed, laughed, and journeyed with such anointed and gifted people. You are all true examples of what genuine Christian love and community looks like in real life – thank you for inspiring me! Ever since I came to St. Sharbel's for the first time in 2018, I knew that there was something *very* special about this parish, and, today, I write to you with such gratitude for your witness of fellowship, your zeal for the Lord, and your solidarity for one another. It has been an honor to be with all of you during these joyful seasons of Christmas and New Year's even amidst these difficult times due to the COVID pandemic. You have demonstrated to me that our St. Sharbel parish community will *never* be separated or broken, rather we are able to come together and pray for those who are ill and in need of our prayers, and this is true Christian love!

These three weeks have been filled with such excitement and joy! I've enjoyed meeting all of you and preaching during the Liturgies. I'm glad to have discovered **THE** Somerset Mall and the Starbuck on Hall Road haha, and I even started getting used to the Michigan U-turns! The youth (MYO & MYA) are beyond a blessing to our St. Sharbel community. They truly are the *present*, not only the future, of our Church, and we are blessed to have them in the life of our parish. Additionally, I'm very glad to have met the Knights of Columbus chapter here at St. Sharbel. They are men of dignity, prayer, and servant leadership – what a gift! Finally, what extraordinary choirs we have here at St. Sharbel's! From the Christmas Recital to the weekend liturgies, Azzi, Kristin, and the choir have done a phenomenal job leading our community in worship – thank you!! Last, but certainly not least, I'd like to thank Chorbishop Alfred and Deacon Mike for their guidance, support, and prayers. You have shown me what true servant leadership looks like, and I'm very grateful for your kindness, care, and counsel during these past three weeks! It's been a joy to work with both of you, and I'm so thankful for your wisdom and helpful insights.

In conclusion, I just want to say a genuine **THANK YOU** to all of you here at St. Sharbel's! I will never forget these amazing three weeks we shared together. As I depart to Washington DC for my final year of studies, know that I will be praying for all of you constantly. St. Sharbel's parish will forever hold a special place in my heart, and I will think of you often. May our newborn Child Jesus continue to shower you with abundant blessings and daily rekindle the fire for God's love in your hearts. You are all anointed, gifted, and very special individuals here at St. Sharbel's parish – never lose your zeal for the Lord and his Church. You are all truly... **THE BEST**! Know that you will always have a **smiling, thriving, coffee-drinking** Deacon praying for all of you! I hope to visit St. Sharbel's soon, but until then, know that I'll be lifting you all up in prayer from good-old Washington DC. Many thanks and blessings to all of you!

> Sincerely in Christ's Love, Deacon Chris Nahra

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS**

Jan 8/9	Blessing of Water at all Masses
Jan 8/9	Haircutting Ceremony at all Masses
Jan 9	Sunday Mass Live Stream 11:30 AM
Jan 17	CANCELLED Knights Night
Jan 22/23	Godparent's Weekend
Jan 22	Healing Mass of Saint Sharbel 6:30 PM
Jan 23	LAS Meeting 10:30 AM

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

# **BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Congratulations to Joseph and Rita Herfy on the recent birth of their new daughter,

**Gemma Herfy!** 

May God bless this family with His abundant graces!

# WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Paul and Lena Kanan as they celebrate their 67th Wedding Anniversary!

May our Lord bless you as you continue to provide witness to the love of God by your commitment to each other and to your family!

# WITH GRATITUDE!

Jesus is born! Alleluia!

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the children at St Sharbel Church were able to perform an amazing nativity play. The children shared special times with family and friends. They shared the light, hope and the Great Gift of Jesus to the world.

Thank you God for sending us your Son, a Gift from you into this world to save and guide us.

Thank you Jesus for all the fun and excitement of Christmas.

I would like to thank Chorbishop Alfred Badawi for placing his trust and confidence in my abilities to write the nativity play script and direct the play.

I would like to thank all the children who participated in the nativity play and their parents who encouraged them to be part of the play that incarnated the birth of Jesus.

Words cannot express my feelings, nor my gratitude for all the help I got from everyone who supported me in some way or another for a successful play.

May Jesus continue to bless you with good health, happiness and success as we mark an end to this year.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Happy New Year ahead!

Sincerely,

Rita Srour-Fares

## **PASTOR'S CORNER**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Feast of the Epiphany or the Baptism of Jesus Christ. This feast is known as "AL-DENNAH," meaning "manifestation" or "shining' because the light of Christ shines among us as God's Son is the Light of the World. We can also call this feast "the second Christmas", or the second birth of our Lord. In the eastern churches the celebration of the Epiphany focuses on both: the birth of our Lord and His baptism.

In this feast, Jesus begins His public life with His baptism by John in the river Jordan, where the Father and the Holy Spirit are witnesses. He is the beloved Son of the Father and the Spirit of God rests upon Him. It is the feast of the manifestation of the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The Feast of Epiphany reminds us not only of the baptism of Christ, but also of our own baptism. It is for this reason that we bless Holy Water on this day. At His baptism in the river Jordan, Jesus teaches us about baptism as the source of life. He Himself did not need it, but in His mercy He wanted to show us the right way. He set an example for us all and told us that my heavenly Father is your Father too.

God speaks again not only from heaven, but through Jesus Christ, His priests, and people, the church. Today we hear a special call from God, so listen and open your heart to Him! Allow Him to renew your Baptism promises and become again a shining light in the church and in the world.

### **GOODBYE FOR NOW DEACON CHRIS!**

It is with a grateful heart that we say "Goodbye for now" to Deacon Chris as he leaves St. Sharbel to return to his studies for the priesthood. Please read his note to the parishioners of St. Sharbel Church on Page 6 of this Bulletin. We hold you in our hearts and prayers until you return again!

#### **GODPARENT'S WEEKEND**

On the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, January 22nd and 23rd, we will celebrate Godparents! Please feel free to submit to the Church Office no later than January 17th the name (s) of your Godparent (s).

Have a very blessed Epiphany weekend, Chorbishop Alfred Badawi, Pastor

# THE VEIL REMOVED

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you know our main mission as a priest and deacon is leading souls to heaven, and every time we celebrate Mass, heaven comes to earth. All the angels and saints of God are present, and we are united with heaven in such a profound way.

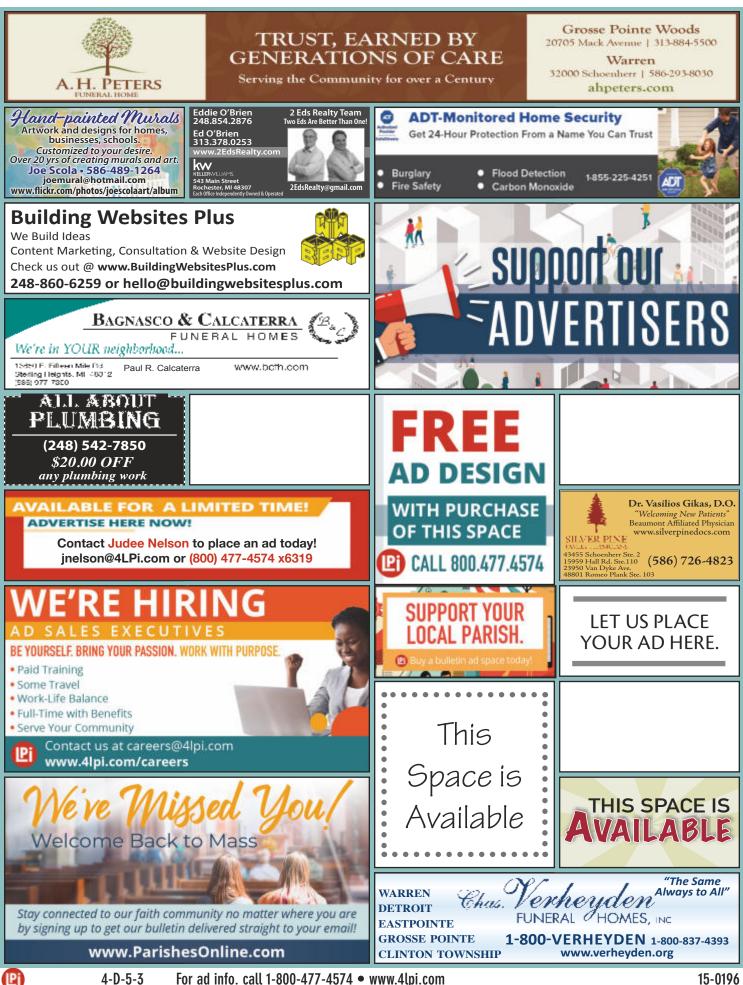
A video was recently shown to me about that very fact, heaven and earth coming together. I encourage you to use this link below or to search on YouTube **"The Veil Removed"** and watch.

This is an excellent version of what is happening every time we celebrate Mass; even though we might not see it with our physical eyes, spiritually this is what is taking place.

Through the Mass, may all our souls be led to heaven!!

The link for "The Veil Removed":

https://youtu.be/OOLZDaTgIaM



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